

INTERPRETIVE COMMERCIAL SERVICES QUIZ

Leader name _____

Company name _____

Leaders must take and pass the attached quiz (85% is passing). Please check the correct answer or answers for each question.

1. Why was Zion established as a national park?
 - ☐A. The land was not suitable for farming because of the flooding of the Virgin River.
 - ☐B. To preserve the unique geological resources and archaeological sites in the area.
 - ☐C. So that Utah would have a national park.
2. The National Park Service was established by Congress to:
 - ☐A. ensure the public will have beautiful places to vacation.
 - ☐B. create tourist economies in low income areas.
 - ☐C. conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.
3. Groups and individuals should stay on the trails because:
 - ☐A. it is easy to get lost in Zion.
 - ☐B. permittees have different rules than park visitors.
 - ☐C. hiking off trail can cause damage to cryptobiotic soil crusts which serve an important ecological role.
4. Group leaders should be aware of current local weather conditions, river levels, and flash flood warnings. This information can be obtained by:
 - ☐A. stopping at the visitor center and talking to a park ranger or calling 435-772-3256.
 - ☐B. Entering the river and listening for the roar of water.
 - ☐C. Listening to radio weather forecasts for Cedar City.
 - ☐D. Asking other hikers who are on the trail.



Travel in Zion has inherent risks, and your safety is your responsibility

5. What are the only things you can legally remove from the park during your visit?
- ☐A. Small rocks, flowers, pieces of arrowheads.
 - ☐B. Antler sheds, pine cones, edible plants for resale.
 - ☐C. Litter, photos, and memories.
6. Water from springs should always be treated before drinking. How do you make the water safe for drinking?
- ☐A. By using water purification tablets or bleach only.
 - ☐B. By using a water filter that removes very small particles ("Absolute" 1 micron).
 - ☐C. Boil the water for at least 5 minutes over a backpacking stove.
 - ☐D. The only way to be sure the water is safe is to combine 2 procedures mentioned above.

7. What do you do when wildlife, i.e. birds, chipmunks, squirrels, turkeys, deer approaches you while you are eating?
- ☐A. Pretend they are not there.
 - ☐B. Scare them away, because human food is harmful to wildlife and causes them to become beggars.
 - ☐C. Get them to come closer by offering them some food.
 - ☐D. Leave them your scraps when you are done.



8. A member of your group would like to carve their name and date as a remembrance of their visit here to Zion. You should:
- ☐A. hand them a sharpened pocket knife since that will cut into the sandstone the best.
 - ☐B. say it's ok since the prehistoric peoples made petroglyphs all over these canyons.
 - ☐C. explain how graffiti destroys the resources and our goal is to leave no trace of our visit.
9. What is the speed limit in the park?
- ☐A. 35 unless otherwise posted and 25 along the scenic drive during shuttle operation.
 - ☐B. There is no speed limit on National Park roads, you should stay with the flow of traffic.
 - ☐C. 25 on the curves, 45 in the straight-aways.
10. A member of your group falls and is unable to get up. You should:
- ☐A. call 911.
 - ☐B. call park dispatch at 435-772-3322.
 - ☐C. contact the nearest shuttle driver and report the details of the incident.
 - ☐D. any or all of the above.

11. Your group stopped for a snack break and a member of your group would like to dispose of their banana peel in the park. You should tell them:
- ☐A. it's ok, peels are biodegradable.
 - ☐B. we pack out everything we pack in.
 - ☐C. bury the peel like you would dispose of human waste.
12. Your group encounters a rattlesnake. You should:
- ☐A. allow a member of your group who is good at handling snakes to relocate the snake away from the trail.
 - ☐B. chop its head off.
 - ☐C. get your pepper spray and shoot it squarely in the head.
 - ☐D. leave the snake alone, keep your distance, and lead your group away from the area.
13. Your group encounters a mountain lion. You should:
- ☐A. make loud noises, wave your arms in the air and try to scare it away.
 - ☐B. make sure someone gets a photo since mountain lion sightings are very rare.
 - ☐C. run away as fast as you can.
14. While hiking a thunderstorm begins. You should:
- ☐A. turn your group around and carefully make your way off the trail.
 - ☐B. continue hiking if it doesn't look bad.
 - ☐C. take cover under a tree or overhanging rock until the rain passes.
 - ☐D. stand in the river.
 - ☐E. stay where you are since storms pass quickly in the canyon.
15. From April through October what form of transportation can drive up canyon?
- ☐A. All vehicles.
 - ☐B. Shuttle buses only.
 - ☐C. Park shuttle buses, bicycles, tour buses, and private vehicles with lodge reservations may drive up as far as the lodge.
16. Before leading a hike on one of the permitted trails, group leaders must:
- ☐A. turn in the Attachment E at the entrance station, indicating the number of people in the group, and identifying the trail the group will be hiking.
 - ☐B. provide a safety message to all group participants.
 - ☐C. have a signed copy of their Commercial Use Authorization with them.
 - ☐D. all of the above.
17. Members of my group have asked to continue hiking on their own. May they do so?
- ☐ No, this would be group splitting and may result in revocation of this permit and a fine.
 - ☐ Yes, no one will know if my group splits into smaller groups.

18. Choose all answers that apply. Your group just reached the Middle Emerald Pools and a small family is already there. You should:
- ☐A. encourage your group to step aside and allow others to pass.
 - ☐B. explain the peace and quiet of the park allows you to hear the subtle sounds of nature and ask your group to enter the area quietly.
 - ☐C. hoot loudly to show everyone the natural echo chamber.
 - ☐D. ask the group already there to step aside so you can begin your interpretive talk to your group.
19. In this desert environment it is advisable to have:
- ☐A. hats, sunscreen, long sleeves, and a gallon of water per person per day.
 - ☐B. an umbrella.
 - ☐C. mace or pepper spray for rattlesnake encounters.
20. Guided hikes are permitted on overnight trips in all climbing areas and in day use slot canyon.
- ☐ True, with the proper level of concession permit.
 - ☐ False, guided activities are not permitted for these activities.